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Remember our new address is 310 South State street.

Never has the prospects for bumper crops been more promising. The generous rains of the past few weeks have been of great value to all kinds of vegetation.

The pure-bred Percheron mares at the College foaled last week but unfortunately one of the colts died. The remaining colt is a mare and is pronounced a "beauty" by those who have seen it.

Prof. John T. Caine III, of the Agricultural College, popular and efficient instructor in Animal Husbandry, will spend the summer in Europe. He leaves Logan about the 15th of the present month and proposes to reach London in time for the Royal Stock show. Mr. Caine is keeping abreast of the times in his work and the Deseret Farmer joins his many friends in wishing him a pleasant voyage and a safe return.

Shoot the dog and buy some sheep.

The Experiment Station should not be depended upon to produce "rules for farming." To apply the results of the Experiment Station to his own farm is the problem of the individual farmer.

The horse shows at Provo and at Richmond this year were pronounced by all visitors to be ahead of anything ever attempted in this state. At Richmond, Mr. Lyman Skeen, the Judge pronounced the Percheron show as being the best ever having been brought together in the State.

There are still too many "moon" farmers in Utah. A farmer from Salt Lake county assured the writer in all sincerity last week that he always planted his potatoes in the "dark of the moon." As long as such foolish notions exist we can't say very much for the intelligence of some of our farmer friends. Fortunately for Utah however, these kind of farmers are few and far between.

The Extension Department of the Agricultural College has been established for the education of the farmers and farmers' wives of the state. By demonstration work, by advice, oral and written, by official and private publications, by judging contests, county and state fairs, and through farmers' schools and institutes the department proposes keeping in touch with the needs and demands of the Agricultural population of the state.

"The Farmers" Institute should be something more than a means of making agriculture more profitable. It should be the means of uplifting the people morally and socially. To tell how to earn a dollar is a good thing, but to instruct in the wise use of a dollar when earned is better. The institute should be the means of forever banishing the farmer's low estimate of himself and his calling and be made the means of ridding farmers of the petty jealousies and suspicions which prevent them from intelligently co-operating with each other for mutual protection and advancement.

The Board of Trustees of the Agricultural College, in accordance with President Widtsoe's recommendation, have employed Miss Huntington, a lady of splendid training in Domestic Science, a graduate of several eastern universities, as head of the Domestic Science work at the College. Domestic Science is to be placed on an equal footing with Agriculture in our big industrial school.

The Experiment Stations furnish the basis of institute work just as they have shown the need for it. However, the calls for the station men to do institute work must gradually grow less because the station men have their hands full in working out their experiments. The men who go out as demonstrators and diffusors of agricultural knowledge have a field just as distinct and important as the work of the experimenter.

Utah has a great wealth of undeveloped resources. In dry farming, horticulture, dairying and poultry raising; the surface has only been scratched. This state is destined to be the great agricultural center of the inter-mountain country. Her chief city is already taking long strides towards becoming the big city between Omaha and San Francisco and the agricultural centers around the city must be prepared to join this procession forward.

Fortunately the State Bureau of Statistics this year is in competent hands. The last report of the State Bureau is not worth the paper it is printed upon: Grossly inaccurate, misleading and jumbled together in the worst possible shape it serves no possible service. However, since the state two years ago made no appropriation for this work the responsibility for the publication can not justly be charged to the State administration. We are very sure that in the hands of Mr. H. T. Haines the efficient State Auditor that the results will be accurate and of great value to the people. Mr. Haines was for many years the editor of the Emery County Progress and is entirely competent for the work assigned him—that of compiling the State Statistics.

Agriculture is not, as a profession, as remunerative as it ought to be, in view of the labor and energy that the farmer expends and the risks he assumes. Just why this is true is a little difficult to understand, but of this one thing we are convinced that the fault lies largely with the farmers themselves. They need more thorough organization and a better working together for their common interests. It is true that there are many farmers in this state who have good incomes but there are altogether too many who shiftlessly, carelessly, lazily drift along wholly indifferent to the splendid opportunities waiting the man of energy and push.

The Brook Ranch Commission Co. of this city have adopted the plan of informing their shippers concerning the outlook and general conditions of the market on their particularly commodities, Eggs and Poultry. We consider this a step in the right direction. Intelligent dealers have advantages that enable them to ascertain governing conditions. They ought to be willing to share this information with the producer. The producing and selling ends of any business are inseparably connected and it is impossible for any branch of agriculture to approach perfection without intelligent co-operation on the part of producer and dealer. The two classes should get close together. We understand this firm mails their Bulletins each Monday. We advise that all who are interested in their particular lines to get in touch with them.

The May number of the ERA has an illustrated article on the "Utah Library-Gymnasium Movement," by Prof. Howard R. Driggs of the University of Utah which will attract widespread attention. The leading religious article is by President Charles W. Penrose on the "Age and Destiny of the Earth." On ethical subjects Principal J. E. Hickman of the Murdock Academy treats "Character and Courage Youth's Capital;" George D. Kirby, "The Training of Children;" William George Jordan, "The Power of Personal Influence;" and President W. A. Hyde, "The Writing on the Wall." Of the de-

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